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FACT SHEET

FY07 Budget

SANDERS' BUDGET ADDRESSES, FUNDS LONG NEGLECTED PARKS & BEACH PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

Mayor Restores Mission Bay Ordinance ***Sinking Lifeguard Operations Dock to be Rebuilt***

Mayor Sanders' FY07 Budget Proposal will fund important projects and long-deferred maintenance in 7 of the City's most popular parks as well as coastal beaches. In addition to the \$83.4 million budget proposed by the Mayor for the Park and Rec Department, the Mayor has also restored the Mission Bay Ordinance which includes an additional \$2 million in funding for parks throughout the City and beaches.

MISSION BAY ORDINANCE

- The Mission Bay Ordinance was enacted in 2004.
- Under the Ordinance, lease revenues collected within Mission Bay in excess of \$20 million are to be used to fund the Mission Bay Improvement Fund and the Regional Park Fund. Each fund gets 25% of the excess dollars, not to exceed \$2,500,000 each in a fiscal year.
- The money in the funds can only be used for permanent capital improvements or deferred maintenance within the parks.
- The San Diego Regional Improvement Fund parks include Balboa Park, Mission Trails Park, Otay River Valley Park, San Diego River Park, MSCP Open Spaces, and coastal beaches and parks.

Since the Ordinance was passed in 2004, it has been waived every year by the City Council during the budget process. Thus, excess lease revenues were never used for capital improvements or deferred maintenance within the City's parks.

This year, Mayor Sanders' budget does not waive the Mission Bay Ordinance. Consequently, several long overdue park projects and deferred maintenance will be funded. Among those projects is the Lifeguard Operations Dock on Mission Bay.

Lifeguard Operations Dock:

- The Lifeguard Operations Dock was severely damaged and partially submerged during the winter storms of 2004/2005.
- Attempts were made to repair the docks, but it quickly became clear that the even with repairs, the docks would be a safety hazard, and needed to be torn down and rebuilt.
- The Fire Department was able to acquire funding from FEMA of \$715,000 towards the rebuild, and \$1 million from the general fund was set aside in FY06, leaving the project \$1 million short.
- Consequently, lifeguards have had to take over a public dock nearby to access their rescue vehicles. Not only has there been no Lifeguard Dock since January of 2005, but the public has lost access to the public dock Lifeguards have had to take over. Other Lifeguard rescue vehicles have had to rent space at another dock a distance away.
- The Mission Bay Ordinance will now be funding the additional \$1 million needed for the \$2.7 million cost of rebuilding the Lifeguard Operations Dock.

“Public safety remains one of my top priorities. Lifeguards, firefighters and police must have the equipment and the facilities to get the job done. My leadership team and I remain committed to reviewing, prioritizing, and taking action to upgrade and modernize facilities that are needed to provide top notch service to the public.”

Mayor Jerry Sanders

MISSION BAY IMPROVEMENT FUND

TOTAL FUNDING: \$1,097,595

In addition to the Lifeguard Dock, the Mission Bay Improvement Fund will provide dollars to the much needed repair of roads around Fiesta Island that have been closed to cyclists because of safety issues.

Funded Project	Amount
Lifeguard Operations Dock	\$1,000,000
Fiesta Island Road Repair	\$ 97,595
Total	\$1,097,595

REGIONAL PARK IMPROVEMENT FUND
TOTAL FUNDING: \$1,097,595

Six parks throughout the City will benefit from the Regional Park Improvement Fund money. Projects include deferred maintenance and building improvements.

Funded Project	Amount
Balboa Park (replace old, dilapidated sewer laterals in park)	\$182,933
Mission Trails (fund sediment removal projects/Old Mission Dam)	\$182,933
Tecolote Canyon Park (drainage repairs to prevent road wash-outs)	\$30,000
Los Penasquitos Open Space (add funding to Ranger Station)	\$259,400
Otay Valley Regional Park (complete Ranger Station)	\$259,396
Coastal Beaches (coastal erosion projects)	\$182,999
Total	\$1,097,595

FY07 BUDGET ONLY BEGINS TO ADDRESS LIFEGUARD SERVICE NEEDS

Like many other facilities city-wide, Lifeguard facilities throughout the City are in serious need of repair. In addition to the \$1 million for the dock, the Fire Department will dedicate an additional \$481,635 to the improvements of Lifeguard facilities and equipment:

Funded Project	Amount
Lifeguard Dock	\$1,000,000
General Lifeguards Facilities Maintenance	\$85,000
Lifeguards HQ Improvements	\$25,000
North Pacific Beach Station Improvements	\$5,660
La Jolla Casa Pool Tower Roof Replacement	\$12,000
La Jolla Cove Roof Replacement	\$3,000
Mission Beach Improvements	\$55,500
Ocean Beach Roof Replacement	\$40,000
South Mission Beach Roof Replacement	\$8,000
Facilities Sub-Total	\$1,234,160
Replace Marine Fleet Equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase surf rescue vessel • Refurbish surf rescue vessel • Purchase 4 outboard motors • Purchase 3 Personal Watercraft • Purchase 2 All Terrain Vehicles 	\$247,475
Total	\$1,481,635